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Classified By: Polcouns Mary T. Curtin for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) In response to reftel demarche by poloff on August 9, Krzysztof Debnicki, Afghanistan Desk Officer at Polish MFA, expressed support for the new U.S. policy and, to assist our preparation, offered the following rhetorical questions:

- When compensating farmers who forsake poppy production, do we offer the "drug crop price" for legitimate crops or land left fallow?
- Since the Taliban extorts "protection money" from farmers, are we in effect paying the Taliban when we give funds to farmers?
- Will the USG exploit the apparent split between Gulbuddin Hekmetiyar and his erstwhile Taliban comrades?

¶2. (C) Debnicki was not intent on answers; rather, he offered the questions to test our thinking. However, any information we provide in response may well reinforce our request for support from the Government of Poland.
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